AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) An interior window covering frame assembly comprising:

a windowpane generally positioned within an opening of a wall in a first plane;

an elongate core substrate having a thickness of less than 5/16 inch, said elongate core substrate having an elongate lateral plate and a flange perpendicularly coupled to said lateral plate, the flange intersecting the elongate lateral plate to provide a first portion and a second portion to provide a cross-sectional t-shape, wherein the first and second portions are generally in the same plane, and wherein said elongate lateral plate is directly coupled to an interior facing wall surface having a second plane that is substantially parallel to the first plane of the windowpane, said elongate lateral plate being directly coupled to the interior facing wall surface in the second plane, and the flange extending outwardly from the elongate lateral plate in a third plane that is substantially perpendicular to both the first plane and the second plane;

a connecting channel directly coupled to at least one of a first face of said flange and said first portion of said lateral plate;

a window covering directly coupled to said first face of said flange, wherein said window covering is capable of substantially covering said windowpane; and

a decorative covering abutting at least one of a second face of said flange and said second portion of said lateral plate.

2. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 1, wherein said substrate comprises at least one material having an elastic modulus greater than 2.3E.

3. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 1, wherein said substrate is formed of material selected from the group consisting of fiberglass, metal, graphite and reinforced plastic.

4. (currently amended) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 1, further comprising a hinge coupled to said ~~second portion of said~~ first face of said flange.

5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 1, wherein said decorative covering comprises a material selected from the group consisting of wood, plastic, wood composite, cloth and paint.

7. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 1, wherein said window covering comprises a shutter.

8. (currently amended) An interior window covering frame assembly for entirely framing an interior facing of a window opening, the assembly comprising:

a windowpane generally positioned within the window opening in a first plane;

an elongate core substrate having an elastic modulus greater than 2.3E, said elongate core substrate having an elongate lateral plate and a flange perpendicularly coupled to said lateral plate, the flange intersecting said elongate lateral plate to provide a first portion and a second portion to provide a cross-sectional t-shape, wherein the first and second portions are generally in the same plane, and wherein said elongate lateral plate is directly coupled to an interior facing wall surface having a second plane that is substantially parallel to the first plane of the windowpane, said elongate lateral plate being directly coupled to the interior facing wall surface in the second plane, and the flange extending outwardly from the elongate lateral plate in a third plane that is substantially perpendicular to both the first plane and the second plane;

a connecting channel directly coupled to at least one of the second portion of said lateral plate and a first portion of said flange;

a window covering directly coupled to a second portion of said flange, wherein said window covering is capable of substantially covering said windowpane; and

a decorative covering abutting at least one of a second portion of said lateral plate and ~~a third portion of~~ said flange.

9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 8, wherein said substrate is formed of material selected from the group consisting of fiberglass, metal, graphite and reinforced plastic.

11. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 8, wherein said decorative covering comprises a material selected from the group consisting of wood, plastic, wood composite, cloth and paint.

12. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 8, wherein said window covering comprises a shutter.

13. (previously presented) An interior window covering frame system comprising:

a windowpane generally positioned within an opening of a wall in a first plane;

an interior facing wall surface having a second plane that is substantially parallel to the first plane of the windowpane;

an elongate core substrate comprising a lateral plate and a flange perpendicularly coupled to said lateral plate, the flange intersecting said lateral plate to provide a first portion and a second portion to provide a cross-sectional t-shape, wherein the first and second portions are generally in the same plane, and wherein said lateral plate is directly coupled to said interior facing wall surface in the second plane, and wherein said flange extends outwardly from the lateral plate in a third plane that is substantially perpendicular to both the first plane and the second plane, the elongate core substrate having a thickness of less than 5/16 inch and comprising at least one material having an elastic modulus greater than 2.3E;

a connecting channel forming a portion of said elongate core substrate;

a window covering directly coupled to said flange, wherein said window covering is capable of substantially covering said windowpane; and

a decorative covering directly coupled to said elongate core substrate.

14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame system of claim 13, wherein said elongate core substrate comprises a material selected from the group consisting of fiberglass, metal, graphite and reinforced plastic.

16. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame system of claim 13, wherein said decorative covering comprises a material selected from the group consisting of wood, plastic, wood composite, cloth and paint.

17. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame system of claim 13, wherein said window covering comprises a shutter.

18. (previously presented) A method for anchoring an interior window covering to a wall having a window opening into which is positioned a windowpane having a window surface in a first plane, said method comprising:

providing a frame substrate that comprises a thickness of less than 5/16 inch and has, by volume, an elastic modulus greater than wood, and wherein said substrate further comprises a lateral plate and a flange perpendicularly coupled to said lateral plate, the flange dividing the lateral plate into a first portion and a second portion, wherein the first and second portions are generally in the same plane;

coupling said lateral plate of said frame substrate to an interior facing surface of said wall, said interior facing surface having a second plane that is generally parallel to the first plane of the windowpane, wherein said flange extends outwardly from said lateral plate in a third plane that is substantially perpendicular to both said first plane and said second plane, and wherein said flange includes a mounting surface to receive a hinge attached to said interior window covering, said interior window covering being capable of substantially covering said windowpane;

using a connecting channel to directly interconnect a first portion of said frame substrate to a second portion of said frame substrate;

directly coupling a decorative covering to said frame substrate; and

directly coupling said hinge of said interior window covering to said flange.

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